

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing resources in a computer network, comprising:

creating a particular configuration file for each user of a network, wherein each configuration file contains a list of the network resources that a user may access;

defining the contents of a configuration file for each network user;

receiving a login user identification at a client; from a user on a given computer that uses a given operating system, wherein said given operating system requires that attachment of resources to said given computer be performed on said given computer;

initiating a resource attachment program in response to receiving the user identification;

matching, using the resource attachment program, the user identity identification with said user a configuration file associated with the user identification; and

in response to said matching step, executing a resource attachment program on said given computer to attach attaching, using the resource attachment program, network resources to said given computer to the client based on the list contained in the configuration file associated with the user identification, user identity and the contents of said user configuration file.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~contents of the configuration file are~~ list is defined by a network administrator.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each configuration file is stored on a network server.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said resource attachment program is stored on the client computer.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said resource attachment program is stored on a network server.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 further comprising; ~~wherein the step of attaching resources to a client further comprises~~ creating a record of all successfully attached resources.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the record is stored on the client.
9. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the record is stored on a network server.
10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising: receiving a log out command ~~from the user~~; and thereafter unattaching the attached resources.
11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, further comprising: receiving a log out command ~~from the user~~; and deleting the record of attached resources.
12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the client ~~computer~~ uses the UNIX operating system.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the ~~contents of the configuration file are list~~ is defined by a network administrator.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for use in a data processing system for managing resources in a computer network, the computer program product comprising:

instructions for creating a particular configuration file for each user of a network, wherein each configuration file contains a list of the network resources that a user may access; defining contents of a respective configuration file for each network user;

instructions for receiving a user identification at a client;

login identification from a user on a client computer;

instructions for initiating a resource attachment program in response to receiving the user identification;

instructions for matching, using the resource attachment program, the user identification with a configuration file associated with the user identification; and

; and matching the user identity with said respective user configuration file;

instructions for attaching, using the resource attachment program, network resources to the client based on the list contained in the configuration file associated with the user identification; reading the contents of said respective user configuration file; and

instructions for attaching network resources to said client computer based on the user identity and the contents of said respective user configuration file;

wherein said computer program product is configured to run under an operating system that requires that resources be attached to a computer by a program running on said computer.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the resource attachment program is stored on ~~[[a]] the client, client computer,~~

20. (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the resource attachment program is stored on a network server.

21. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 18, further comprising instructions for creating a record of all successfully attached resources.

22. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 21, wherein the record is stored on a client computer.

23. (Original) The computer program product according to claim 21, wherein the record is stored on a network server.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to claim 18, further comprising:

instructions for receiving a log out command ~~from the user~~; and
instructions for unattaching the attached resources.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to claim 21, further comprising:

instructions for receiving a log out command ~~from the user~~; and
instructions for deleting the record of attached resources.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the resource attachment program runs on a UNIX operating system.

27. (Currently Amended) A system for managing resources in a computer network, comprising:

means for creating a particular configuration file for each user of a network, wherein each configuration file contains a list of the network resources that a user may access;
~~defining the contents of a configuration file for each network user;~~

means for receiving a user identification at a client; a login identification from a user;

means for initiating a resource attachment program in response to receiving the user identification;

means for matching, using the resource attachment program, the user identification with a configuration file associated with the user identification; and matching the user identity with the user configuration file; and

means for attaching, using the resource attachment program, network resources to the client based on the list contained in the configuration file associated with the user identification, attaching network resources to a client computer based on the user identity and the contents of the user configuration file, wherein said computer network is configured to run on an operating system that requires that attachment of resources to a given computer be performed on said given computer.

28. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 27, further comprising:
means for receiving a log out command ~~from the user~~; and
means for unattaching the attached resources.